

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ACCRA 1043

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TAGS: PINT GH

SUB: ARREST OF KOFI AWOONER

REF: ACCRA 0973

1. WEHAVE TWO ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS. ONE FROM AFRICAN STUDIES FACULTY, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE, SECOND FROM MURIEL RUKEYSER, PRESIDENT, PEN CENTER, NEW YORK. BOTH EXPRESS CONCERN AT REPORTS OF ARREST OF AWOONER AND REQUEST EMBASSY ASSISTANCE.

2. WE DO NOT PLAN TO REPLY DIRECT TO EITHER MESSAGE. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PHONE EACH AND POINT OUT THAT ARREST OF GHANAIAN CITIZEN IN GHANA FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF GHANIAN LAW IS NOT SUBJECT FOR INTERVENTION BY AMERICAN EMBASSY.

3. WE ALSO RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM FREEMAN OF WASHINGTON POST FEB 7. CALL TAKEN BY MARINE GUARD WHO TOOK MESSAGE THAT FREEMAN WAS INQUIRING ABOUT AWOONER. WE HAVE NOT RESPONDED.

4. WE WONDER, OF COURSE, WHETHER CALLS AND CABLES ARE HELPING OR HARMING AWOONER. THEY ARE PRESUMABLY INTERCEPTED AND THUS GOG IS AWARE OF SOME AMERICAN INTEREST IN CASE.

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WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER GHANAIAIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS

REPORTED TO MFA.  
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